

Life-Study of Psalms Review – Book One

Book One indicates that **God's intention is to turn the seeking saints from the law to Christ that they may enjoy the house of God—the church.** In Psalm 1 the psalmist appreciated the law to the uttermost, but in Psalm 27 he no longer appreciated the law. Instead, he appreciated dwelling in the house of God to behold God's loveliness. He desired to dwell in the house of Jehovah all the days of his life. This is to enjoy God, not the law, in God's house. Then in Psalm 36 the psalmist declared that they would be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of God's house. In God's house they could drink the river of His pleasures. The psalmist also said that with God is the fountain of life and in His light we can see light.

Psalm 1 is concerning **the law in man's appreciation.** We need to see that the law entered in **alongside** the main line of God's economy. The law was not originally ordained and arranged by God. In God's original economy, there was not such a thing. Second, the position of the law is that of a **concubine.** If we are appreciating and uplifting the law, we are bringing a concubine into God's economy. The law is good and spiritual, but it is weak. In its weakness, **it is not able to give life.** Regardless of how good, how holy, how righteous, and how spiritual the law is, the law cannot impart life. The law has been ended by Christ. Christ is the end of the law, the close of the law, the replacement of the law. Christ came to fulfill the law that He might terminate the law and replace it. Thus, **everyone who believes in Him received God's righteousness, which is Christ Himself.**

Psalm 2 is a declaration of God according to His divine concept. Psalm 2 exalts **Christ as the center of the economy of God.** It exalts Christ as the center of the economy of God. To believe in the Lord is to receive Him; to love the Lord is to enjoy Him. The Lord is within us to be our faith and to be our love. To love Him is to kiss Him. **We should not uplift and treasure the law. Instead, we should kiss Christ, love Christ, day by day.**

Book One of Psalms include **four major stations** of Christ—Psalms 2, 8, 16, 22—24. Psalm 2 tells us that Christ is **God's anointed One.** Psalm 8 reveals Christ as the **incarnated and crowned One.** Psalm 16 reveals Christ **in His human living.** Psalm 22 shows us Christ **crucified and resurrected** to produce His brothers to constitute His Body, the church. Then **in resurrection** in Psalm 23, He became our Shepherd. After these first four stations, we see seventeen psalms that show us the mixed expressions of the psalmist's sentiment in his enjoyment of God in God's house. We have to realize that God is located! **Today God's location is in Christ and in the church.** In the coming age and in eternity, God will be located in the New Jerusalem. **If we want to see God, find God, meet God, and visit God, we need to go to Christ, the church and the New Jerusalem!**

In God's house we can drink of the river of God's pleasures. This is not just one pleasure but many pleasures. We have our pleasures here in the church. Our amusement is the river of God's pleasures. **In God's house we have the food, the river, the fountain of life, and the light.** These four things are altogether not objective. Food is for eating, the river is for drinking, the fountain is for sharing of, and the light is for us to participate in by seeing. What an enjoyment this is! **This enjoyment will eventually lead us to the New Jerusalem** where we will be saturated with the fruit of the tree of life; we will drink the river of the water of life; we will share the fountain of God's life; and we will also see the light in God's divine light. This is the consummate enjoyment of God in the house of God.

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